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Applicants urge that all independent claims have been amended to incorporate limitations that the Examiner has indicated as allowable subject matter. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 USC 103 of claims 1, 8 and 14 are respectfully requested. As each dependent claim incorporates all the limitations from the independent claims from which they depend, Applicants also request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 USC 103 of dependent claims 5, 6, 7, 13 and 17.

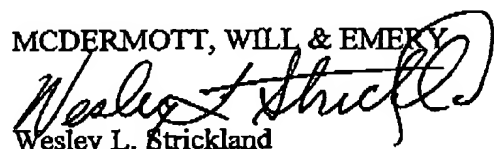
#### SUMMARY

In view of the above remarks and amendments, Applicants believe that claims 1, 3-8, 11-14, 16 and 17 are in condition for allowance and passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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